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**USTR ANNOUNCES RESULT OF SPECIAL 301
OUT-OF-CYCLE REVIEW OF JORDAN**

United States Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky today announced the conclusion of an out-of-cycle Special 301 review of Jordan. As a result, Jordan will be removed from the "Watch List."

The Government of Jordan has shown an impressive level and strength of commitment towards providing effective protection for all forms of intellectual property," stated Ambassador Barshefsky. "Jordan's removal from the Watch List builds upon our strong and growing relationship with the Kingdom, and its efforts in this area set an important example for other governments as well."

Details:

In the review of Jordan undertaken in April, USTR expressed several concerns including lack of patent protection for pharmaceutical products and Trade in Intellectual Property Rights and Services (TRIPS) deficiencies in Jordan's copyright regime and in draft patent and trademark law amendments. Since that time, in actions related to its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Government of Jordan passed a number of strong intellectual property laws laying the legal foundation for an effective intellectual property regime consistent with the TRIPS Agreement. The Government of Jordan also has demonstrated its determination to ensure effective enforcement of the laws comprising Jordan's improved regime for protection of intellectual property. Implementation and enforcement will be important benchmarks for future reviews.

